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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 11240097 published September 7, 1999 discloses: **PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide a resin product which can be manufactured at low costs, wherein heat distortion is reduced and designing characteristics are excellent. **SOLUTION:** A resin product comprises a body 2 composed of a synthetic resin and a different material part 3 using a partially different synthetic resin, wherein at least a part is surrounded by the body 2. The surface of the body and the different material part are adjacently arranged on the same plane, wherein a surface layer 4, which continuously covers them, is provided at least partial surfaces of the different material part and the body. The body is composed of a synthetic resin having a flexural modulus of 2000-4000 MPa, and a linear expansion coefficient of $3-12 \times 10^{-4} / \text{deg.C}$. The different material part is composed of a synthetic resin having a flexural

modulus of 100-700 MPa, and a linear expansion coefficient of $1-10 \times 10^{-5} / \text{deg.C}$. The surface layer is composed of a synthetic resin having a flexural modulus of 300-2000 MPa, and a linear expansion coefficient of $3-12 \times 10^{-5} / \text{deg.C}$.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 1 032 9631 published December 15, 1998 discloses: **PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To reduce the manufacturing cost without requiring any troublesomeness or high technique for the working of a fragile part, and increase the rigidity of the part corresponding to the bristle part, so that the cleaving performance in expansion of an air bag can be ensured while satisfactorily holding the appearance design. **SOLUTION:** This panel comprises a facing layer 4A and at least a foamed resin-made cushioning layer 4B superposed on the reverse side thereof. A facing material 4 having a fragile part 7 formed in a position corresponding to the expanding part of an air bag is adhesively integrated to a base material 6 formed by injection molding of a resin material so as to form fragile part 9 by thinning in a position corresponding to the expanding part of the air bag in the state where the fragile parts 7, 9 are mutually opposed.

3. European Patent Application No. 0 844 142 published May 27, 1998 discloses: The airbag cover (5) consists of a bearer (2) covered by a foam layer (3) and a covering foil (6). The foil tear line (1) is reinforced on both sides of the gap (7). This reinforcement may consist of a woven underlay. Other ways of reinforcing the cover are also possible, including the use of a cast resin layer, or sticking the foil directly to the bearer along the gap, or fitting a reinforcement to the underside of the bearer along the gap. The reinforcement may also reinforce the pivot.

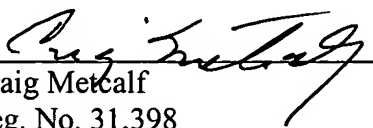
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 09002180 published January 7, 1997 discloses: To provide an air bag cover to facilitate formation of a break scheduled part even in a decoration sheet of three-layer structure having a skin layer and arranged on a core surface. **Constitution:** A folded air bad is covered with an air bag cover and a break scheduled part broken to protrude the air bag during expansion is formed, and comprises a core; and a decorative sheet arranged on the surface side of the core. The decorative sheet comprises a skin layer on the surface side of the decorative sheet; a barrier layer arranged on the back side of the decorative sheet and for protection of the skin layer during injection-molding of the core; and a foamed layer located between the skin layer and the barrier layer. The break scheduled part comprises a recessed part formed on the back side of the core; and a fixing part fixed to the skin layer with the barrier layer forcibly spread.

5. German Patent Application No. 4306149 published September 1, 1994 discloses: A cover is described for the aperture of a chamber accommodating an air bag 3 in the region of the dashboard 1 of a motor vehicle. The cover 2 is composed of a frame part 8 and a lid 9. The frame part 8 is releasably connected to the dashboard 1, but their surfaces bear firmly against one another. The lid 9 is articulated to the frame part 8 by means of metal tapes 11 and is otherwise connected via predetermined breaking points 13 to the frame part 8. When the air bag 3 is activated, the lid 9 is pressed out of the frame part 8. The lid 9 is unable to damage the dashboard 1 during opening. Only the frame part 8 is impaired by the lid 9 as it opens. The frame part 8 may, however, be easily removed from the dashboard 1 and replaced by a new cover 2. This brings about a considerable reduction in repair costs after activation of an air bag.

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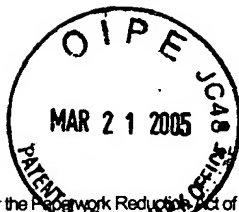
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